

AP® English Literature and Composition Professional Development Workshop

Sunday, June 28 – Thursday, July 2, 2015 • Bozeman High School, Bozeman, Montana



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Sharon Johnston has taught English on both the high school and college levels for over 35 years and has taught AP® English Literature and Language for over 20 years. Currently, Dr. Johnston teaches for Spokane Falls Community College. Since 1996, she has collaborated with Florida Virtual School, Spokane Virtual Learning and other school systems in the creation and delivery of student-centric AP® courses, and her research on the effectiveness of AP® online was published recently in the *American Journal of Distance Learning*. She has participated in College Board's AP® Programs as an exam reader/table leader and as an AP® consultant. She served as a steering committee member for the 2008-2009 College Board AP® National Conferences and is currently on the committee for the 2015-2016 AP® conferences. As a consultant for the National Math Science Initiative, she conducts Saturday study sessions for students in California and Alaska.

Dr. Johnston, a National Board certified teacher, earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction, Masters of Arts in English, and Bachelor of Arts in English and History Education. In 2004, she received the Florida Council of Teachers of English Honor Award for outstanding service to advance the teaching of the language arts.

AP® Literature and Composition Syllabus

This session will focus on teaching strategies essential for facilitating a successful AP® English Literature and Composition course. Participants will interact with the 2015 AP® Exam, investigate approaches to teaching prose, drama, and poetry, and practice the holistic evaluation of writing.

Please bring your syllabus (or a colleague's) for any high school English class, preferably AP® or honors.

Read and bring at least three of the following novels:

Heart of Darkness (Joseph Conrad);
Wuthering Heights (Emily Bronte);
Poisonwood Bible (Barbara Kingsolver); and
The Namesake (Jhumpa Lahiri).

Read and bring a copy of these short stories:

"A Jury of Her Peers" by Susan Glaspell;
"Yellow Wallpaper" by Charlotte Gilman;
"Where Are You Going, Where Have Been?" by Joyce Carol Oates; and
"The Birthmark" by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

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Monday, June 29, 2015 – Day 1

- Orientation/introductions for participants in AP® Institute.
- Overview/goals of workshop, equitable access.
- Characteristics of AP® teacher, AP® students.
- College Board resources, composition tips, diagnostic portfolio, syntax.
- AP® literature questionnaire.
- Tips for surviving as an AP® literature teacher.
- Writing and scoring of essays, 2015 exam, question 1.
- Evening opportunity (homework): practice holistic grading/student samples.

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 – Day 2

- Holistic grading, 2015 exam, question 2.
- Tips for teaching fiction (genres, literary terms, tone, style, comparison/contrast, critical approaches).
- Instruction/assessment (seminars, dramatic interpretations, timed writings, portfolios, journals, multimedia presentations, online discourse).
- Application: approaches to short stories (small group process).
- Approaches to satire: Horatian/Juvenalian.
- Lab: select resources for curriculum.
- Evening opportunity: prepare short story presentation.

Wednesday, July 1, 2015 – Day 3

- Share resources selected for your classroom.
- Groups finalize short story presentation.
- Tips for multiple-choice.
- Tips for teaching poetry.
- Holistic scoring, 2015 exam, question 3.

Thursday, July 2, 2015 – Day 4

- Short story presentation.
- Tips for teaching drama.
- Discussion of AP® literature questionnaire.
- Mini seminar on novels and plays.
- Reflections/evaluation.

Schedule

Day/date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday June 28	6:30 – 7 p.m.	Meeting for participants who wish to earn graduate credit	Bozeman High School
	7-8 p.m.	Social hour for participants and presenters	TBA
Monday June 29	7-8 a.m.	Registration	Bozeman High School
	7:15 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast	
	8 – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop time	
	11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
	12:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Workshop time	
Tuesday June 30	7:15 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast	Bozeman High School
	8 – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop time	
	11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
	12:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Workshop time	
	4:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Group event	Downtown Bozeman
Wednesday July 1	7:15 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast	Bozeman High School
	8 – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop time	
	11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
	12:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Workshop time	
Thursday July 2	7:15 – 8 a.m.	Breakfast	Bozeman High School
	8 – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop time	
	11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
	12:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Workshop time	